

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

In the Matter of: ) Docket HWCA 01/02-3019  
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Sweco Products, Inc. ) ENFORCEMENT ORDER  
2455 Palm Street )  
Sutter, CA 95982 ) Health and Safety Code  
EPA ID No. CAR000005702 ) Section 25187  
)  
Respondent. )

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INTRODUCTION

1.1. Parties. The State Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) issues this Enforcement Order (Order) to Sweco Products, Inc. (Respondent).

1.2. Site. Respondent generates and stores hazardous waste at the following site: 2455 Palm Street, Sutter, California 95982 (Site).

1.3. Generator. The Respondent generates the following hazardous wastes: Used oil and paint related materials).

1.4. Jurisdiction. Section 25187 of the Health and Safety Code authorizes the Department to order action necessary to correct violations and assess a penalty when the Department determines that any person has violated specified provisions of the Health and Safety Code or any permit, rule, regulation, standard, or requirement issued or adopted pursuant thereto.

1.5. Exhibits. All exhibits attached to this Order are incorporated herein by this reference.

1.6. Applicable Statutes and Regulations. Copies of the statutes and regulations applicable to this Order are attached as Exhibit.

#### DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS

2. The Department has determined:

2.1. The Respondent violated Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 66262.34 (a) (4) and 66265.31, in that on or about May 24, 2001 the Respondent failed to maintain and operate its facility to minimize the possibility of unplanned release of hazardous waste to air or soil that could threaten human health or the environment when the Respondent spilled used oil onto the soil.

2.2. The Respondent violated Title 22, CCR, Sections 66262.34 (f) in that on or about May 24, 2001 the Respondent failed to mark each container holding hazardous waste with the words "Hazardous Waste", the accumulation start date, the composition and physical state of the waste, and a statement or statements which call attention to the particular hazardous properties of the waste.

2.3 The Respondent violated Title 22, CCR, Sections 66262.34 (a) (1) (A) and 66265.174, in that on or about May 24, 2001, the Respondent failed to inspect areas used for container storage or transfer at least weekly,

looking for leaking containers and for deterioration of containers caused by corrosion or other factors.

2.4 The Respondent violated Health and Safety Code, Section 25201 (a), in that on or about May 24, 2001, the Respondent stored hazardous waste without a permit or other grant of authorization from the Department.

2.5 The Respondent violated Title 22, CCR, Sections 66262.34 (a) (1) (A) and 66265.173, in that on or about May 24, 2001, the Respondent failed to keep containers of hazardous waste closed during storage, except when it is necessary to add or remove waste.

SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

3. Based on the foregoing Determination Of Violations, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

3.1.1. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Order the Respondent shall ship to an authorized facility all containers of hazardous waste that have been at the facility for longer than 90 days.

3.1.2 Effective immediately, the Respondent shall conduct inspection of areas used for container storage or transfer at least weekly, looking for leaks and deterioration caused by corrosion or other factors.

3.1.3. Effective immediately, the Respondent shall clean all spilled hazardous waste observed during the inspection conducted pursuant to Paragraph 3.1.2 above and shall maintain and operate its facility to minimize the

possibility of a fire, explosion, or any unplanned sudden or non-sudden release of hazardous waste to air, soil or surface water, which could threaten human health or the environment.

3.2. Submittals. All submittals from a Respondent pursuant to this Order shall be sent simultaneously to:

Florence Gharibian, Branch Chief  
Statewide Compliance Division  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
1011 North Grandview Avenue  
Glendale, California 91201

3.3. Communications. All approvals and decisions of the Department made regarding submittals and notifications will be communicated to Respondent in writing by the Branch Chief, Department of Toxic Substances Control, or his/her designee. No informal advice, guidance, suggestions, or comments by the Department regarding reports, plans, specifications, schedules, or any other writings by Respondent shall be construed to relieve Respondent of the obligation to obtain such formal approvals as may be required.

3.4. Department Review and Approval. If the Department determines that any report, plan, schedule, or other document submitted for approval pursuant to this Order fails to comply with the Order or fails to protect public health or safety or the environment, the Department may:

a. Modify the document as deemed necessary and approve the document as modified, or

3. b. Return the document to Respondent with recommended changes and a date by which Respondent must submit to the Department a revised document incorporating the recommended changes.

3.5. Compliance with Applicable Laws: Respondent shall carry out this Order in compliance with all local, State, and federal requirements, including but not limited to requirements to obtain permits and to assure worker safety.

3.6. Endangerment during Implementation: In the event that the Department determines that any circumstances or activity (whether or not pursued in compliance with this Order) are creating an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of people on the site or in the surrounding area or to the environment, the Department may order Respondent to stop further implementation of this Order for such period of time as needed to abate the endangerment. Any deadline in this Order directly affected by a Stop Work Order under this section shall be extended for the term of the Stop Work Order.

3.7. Liability: Nothing in this Order shall constitute or be construed as a satisfaction or release from liability for any conditions or claims arising as a result of past, current, or future operations of Respondent. Notwithstanding compliance with the terms of this Order, Respondent may be required to take further actions as are

necessary to protect public health or welfare or the environment.

3.8. Site Access: Access to the site shall be provided at all reasonable times to employees, contractors, and consultants of the Department, and any agency having jurisdiction. Nothing in this Order is intended to limit in any way the right of entry or inspection that any agency may otherwise have by operation of any law. The Department and its authorized representatives shall have the authority to enter and move freely about all property at the Site at all reasonable times for purposes including but not limited to: inspecting records, operating logs, and contracts relating to the Site; reviewing the progress of Respondent in carrying out the terms of this Order; and conducting such tests as the Department may deem necessary. Respondent shall permit such persons to inspect and copy all records, documents, and other writings, including all sampling and monitoring data, in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Order.

3.9. Data and Document Availability. Respondent shall permit the Department and its authorized representatives to inspect and copy all sampling, testing, monitoring, and other data generated by Respondent or on Respondent's behalf in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Order. Respondent shall allow the Department and its authorized representatives to take duplicates of any samples collected by Respondent pursuant to

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this Order. Respondent shall maintain a central depository of the data, reports, and other documents prepared pursuant to this Order. All such data, reports, and other documents shall be preserved by Respondent for a minimum of six years after the conclusion of all activities under this Order. If the Department requests that some or all of these documents be preserved for a longer period of time, Respondent shall either comply with that request, deliver the documents to the Department, or permit the Department to copy the documents prior to destruction. Respondent shall notify the Department in writing at least six months prior to destroying any documents prepared pursuant to this Order.

3.10. Government Liabilities: The State of California shall not be liable for injuries or damages to persons or property resulting from acts or omissions by Respondent or related parties in carrying out activities pursuant to this Order, nor shall the State of California be held as a party to any contract entered into by Respondent or its agents in carrying out activities pursuant to the Order.

3.11. Incorporation of Plans and Reports. All plans, schedules, and reports that require Department approval and are submitted by Respondent pursuant to this Order are incorporated in this Order upon approval by the Department.

3.12. Extension Request: If Respondent is unable to perform any activity or submit any document within the

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3 time required under this Order, the Respondent may, prior to  
4 expiration of the time, request an extension of time in  
5 writing. The extension request shall include a justification  
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8 3.13. Extension Approvals: If the Department  
9 determines that good cause exists for an extension, it will  
10 grant the request and specify in writing a new compliance  
11 schedule.

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13 OTHER PROVISIONS

14 4.1. Additional Enforcement Actions: By issuance  
15 of this Order, the Department does not waive the right to  
16 take further enforcement actions.

17 4.2. Penalties for Noncompliance: Failure to  
18 comply with the terms of this Order may also subject  
19 Respondent to costs, penalties, and/or punitive damages for  
20 any costs incurred by the Department or other government  
21 agencies as a result of such failure, as provided by Health  
22 and Safety Code section 25188 and other applicable provisions  
23 of law.

24 4.3. Parties Bound: This Order shall apply to and  
25 be binding upon Respondent, and its officers, directors,  
26 agents, employees, contractors, consultants, receivers,  
27 trustees, successors, and assignees, including but not  
limited to individuals, partners, and subsidiary and parent  
corporations.



4.4. Time Periods. I'DaysI' for purposes of this Order means calendar days.

PENALTY

5. Based on the foregoing DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS, the Department sets the amount of Respondent's penalty at \$57,740. Payment is due within 30 days from the effective date of the Order. Respondent's check shall be made payable to the Department of Toxic Substances Control, and shall identify the Respondent and Docket Number, as shown in the heading of this case. Respondent shall deliver the penalty payment to:

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Accounting Office  
1001 I Street, 21st floor  
P. O. Box 806  
Sacramento, California 95812-0806

A photocopy of the check shall be sent to:

Florence Gharibian, Branch Chief  
Statewide Compliance Division  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
1011 North Grandview Avenue  
Glendale, California 91201

RIGHT TO A HEARING

6. Respondent may request a hearing to challenge the Order. Appeal procedures are described in the attached Statement to Respondent.

EFFECTIVE DATE

7. This Order is final and effective twenty days from the date of mailing, which is the date of the cover

Date of Issuance \_\_\_\_\_

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